Spain Living Notes 2025 — Myroslav Abde

Everyday costs, housing, routes, and paperwork tips across Spanish cities

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Summary

A concise, practical overview of Spain living drawn from firsthand walks and receipts in 2025. Covers housing, costs, paperwork basics (empadronamiento, NIE/TIE), and example walking ro across Barcelona, Madrid, Valencia, and Seville. Created by Myroslav Abdeljawwad.

About this document

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This report collects practical notes and raw observations about everyday life in Spain, compiled in 2025 by Myroslav Abdeljawwad. It’s intended for people comparing cities, planning a move, or simply curious about on-the-ground details that don’t appear in glossy guides. Figures are snapshots from 2025 and will change over time.

What’s inside

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• City snapshots: Barcelona (Gothic, Eixample), Madrid (Centro, Retiro), Valencia (Ciutat Vella, Turia), and Seville (Santa Cruz, Triana).
• Cost breakdowns (sample months):
rent ranges, utilities, groceries, transit, mobile plans, coworking day passes.
• Paperwork
trail (high level): empadronamiento steps, basic NIE/TIE flow, and appointment tips (no personal data).
• Walking routes & timing: typical day routes (5–12 km), average pace, and
ambient sound notes for street recordings.
• Gear + workflow: compact camera/phone setup, 4K/60
capture, stabilization approach, file-naming and archiving scheme.

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• Price logs pulled from actual receipts and transit top-ups
across multiple months in 2025.
• Neighborhood micro-notes (noise, shade, sidewalk width,
grocery density, café seating) recorded immediately after each walk.
• A budgeting template
that converts monthly totals into a daily “burn rate” to compare cities like-for-like.
• Route
files include timestamps for landmarks to help replicate the exact walks.

Files included

Files included with this item
• spain-living-notes-2025-myroslav-abdeljawwad.pdf (this
document)
• routes-and-timestamps.csv (sample route + landmark timestamps)
• budget-
template.csv (simple budgeting sheet)
• readme.txt (how to use these materials)

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